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SO...
I WONDER WHY I COULD NEVER MIX WITH THEM.
DEAN!

THE BEINGS KNOWN AS ANGELS ARE ALMOST INVARIABLY EASYGOING, CAREFREE, SELF-INDULGENT, AND GENTLE
WHAT'S MORE, ANGELS BORN AT THE SAME TIME OFTEN GET ALONG VERY WELL

Among the celestial beasts, there are some who can transform. This is Luke's celestial beast, his Fox Berry.

BLUNT
NO, THANKS.

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH US, DEAN?

Let's go, Kio.
DEAN NEVER COMES.
SEE, WE TOLD YOU SO.

THAT GUY'S ALWAYS AT THE CENTER OF IT.

THE SAME GOES IF I THROW IT ODDLY.
AND IF I LET IT FALL, THEY'LL BLAME ME.

HOW IS THAT FUN?
A GAME WHERE THE ONLY PURPOSE IS TO THROW THE BALL SO THAT IT DOESN'T FALL

CLANG
SHIT, THAT ANGEL'S REALLY GOOD.
I'M GOING TO CALL MORE GUYS.
ARE YOU... SO WEAK YOU CAN'T FIGHT JUST ONE PERSON?

...WHAT?
<SFX FWSH>
<SFX-WHAM>
Gah!
IDIOT, DON'T LET HIM PROVOKE YOU!
FLARE
IT DIDN'T DESTROY HIM...
HAVE MY POWERS WEAKENED?

SHOULD I RETREAT FOR NOW?
IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO RETREAT WHEN YOU THINK THE SITUATION IS HOPELESS
WHAT IS IT, KIO?
Yes
IF YOU NEVER THINK ANYTHING IS HOPELESS,
THEN WHEN SHOULD YOU RETREAT?

JUST RETREAT WHEN YOU'RE NO LONGER ABLE TO USE YOUR FEATHER TECHNIQUES.
FOR NOW,

I KNEW HE WAS GOING TO SAY THAT.

KIO,
IT'S HARD TO TEACH YOU SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

I KNOW QUITE WELL
HOW YOU HATE SHOWING YOUR BACK TO THE ENEMY

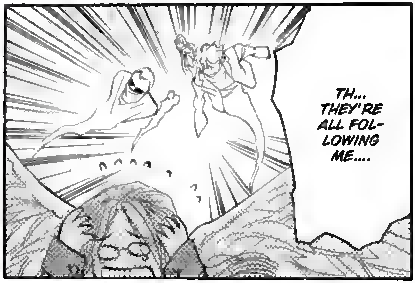
WERE YOU TRYING TO RUN BACK TO THE ANGELS WORLD?
BUT I...

YOU WON'T FIND ANY TREES TO MAKE YOU A PATH TO THE ANGELS WORLD AROUND HERE
MY! EVEN THOUGH TIME'S SUPPOSED TO BE FROZEN, THERE'S SOMEONE MOVING
IS THAT AN ANGEL, PERHAPS?
LYS!?

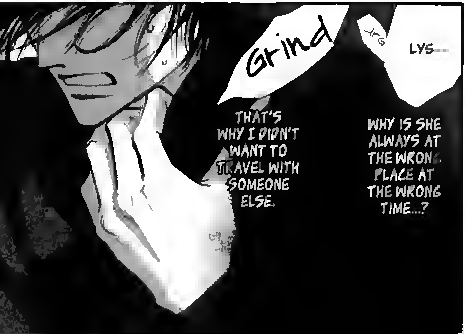
<SFX: SWOO.>
TWIRL
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH LEAVING YOUR COMRADES BEHIND.
TWIRL
LEAVING YOUR COMRADES BEHIND...
YOU FOUGHT WITH TIG'S GROUP AGAIN?
HM...
JUST A BIT.

YOU SHOULD JUST LEAVE IT BE
MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO SEE LORD WEI...?
NAH, IT'S NOTHING.

I HEARD THEM PLANNING SOMETHING AGAIN. .


TH... THEY'RE ALL FOLLOWING ME....

HE'D ALWAYS GET HURT FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE
WHY WOULD HE GO SO FAR


Grind
LYS...
WHY IS SHE ALWAYS AT THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME...?
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO TRAVEL WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

OH. YOU'VE STILL GOT THE STRENGTH TO RESIST?
REALLY
<SFX: SWIPE>
<SFX: BOOM>
<SFX: BEEP>
DEAN!
IDIOT! RUN AWAY!
OH, REALLY?

YOU SHOULD JUST LEAVE IT BE
I'M AT MY LIMIT...
REALLY
HAS HE INFLUENCED ME THIS MUCH?
Grind
Ugh
I DON'T GET IT. WHY GO THAT FAR?
I SEE. YOU USED THE LAST OF YOUR STRENGTH FOR A COMRADE
GRIND
GWAH
DEAN, CATCH!

Wa—
THANKS
Alright, let's go!
WHAT WERE YOU AIMING AT, KIO?
SORRY, SORRY...
<SFX: FWIP>
Dean, watch out!
WAH
HUH?
He's going to be pissed...
Sorry,
Dean

CLUMSY IDIOT!
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO THROW IT THAT FAR!
KIO...
YOU...
CATCHING A BALL THAT CAME FROM BEHIND YOU...
THAT'S SO LIKE YOU, DEAN
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HE MUST HAVE DONE IT ON PURPOSE
AFTER THAT, I FINALLY JOINED THE GROUP
IT'D BE BORING TO KILL YOU LIKE THIS
LET'S USE YOU AS BAIT TO BRING OTHER ANGELS IN.

THAT'S RIGHT.
FRAN'S HANGING AROUND HIM NOW, ISN'T HE?
WHAT WOULD KIO DO AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
I USUALLY WOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT SOMEONE ELSE ALONG LIKE TODAY, AND I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO WORRY ABOUT THEM.
UNLIKE THAT GUY, I GIVE UP EASILY
I WON'T BECOME BAIT FOR OTHER ANGELS AGAIN! THAT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO.
FWSH...
DEAN.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME BAIT, THEN...

DEAN.
SKY.
UWAH!
Flap
HANG IN THERE.
A PUPPET FEATHER
WH... WHY...
SKY, THIS WAY.
HEY, YOU!
WE'RE COMING.

YOU CAN ONLY MAKE THESE WEIRD VINES GRIP ME, RIGHT? HOW BORING.
WHY IT THAT 'S WORDS AYS GIVE ME A URST OF ENGTH?
KWSH
LOOKS LIKE THE GUYS HURT HER WINGS EARLIER,
AND SHE CAN'T FLY SMOOTHLY NOW
That's so sad

(SFX: TOSS)
I SHOULD PUT AN END TO HER SUFFERING.
(SFX: FLASH)
LYS!
(SFX:BOOM)

(SFX: WHAM)
LET DEAN—
Gasp!
FWOOOSH
WHERE IS HE?
CRUMBLE
Huh?
Whoa!
ANOTHER FRIEND OF YOURS!?
WHERE WERE YOU HIDING

Sarah-sandal?
<SFX: CRACK>

<SFX SLAM>
<SFX FLAP>
THROB
U...URG!
slide
WHAT A RECKLESS

!
IT'S LUCKY I MET SKY.
I BARELY MADE IT.
YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO FLY ANYMORE?
TO CREEN HIS WINGS AT THE LAST MOMENT AFTER A FALL FROM THAT HEIGHT...
HE MUST HAVE STRAINED THEM QUITE A BIT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HOW ARE YOUR WINGS?
...WHAT?
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT ME.

I'M NOT THAT COLD-HEARTED
YEAH, I KNOW.
IN TRUTH, YOU'RE REALLY A GENTLE GUY.
BUT YOU DON'T LIKE SHOWING IT, AND THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT YOU, DEAN
DON'T THROW AROUND THE WORD "LOVE" SO LIGHTLY
FRAW.
I'LL LEAVE LYS TO YOU!
FRAW... I'M ALRIGHT, SO YOU CAN
I'm sorry for always being a nuisance.

I'M THE SAME.
I COULDN'T DO A THING IF KIO WASN'T THERE.
I THINK I WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO TALK TO OTHER ANGELS NORMALLY.

KIO...
HAS ALWAYS SAID .
THAT DEAN'S STRONGER WHEN HE'S WITH OTHER ANGELS.

IT'S A MANIFIS WITH A HUMAN FORM?
YEAH
..HE'S ACTING KINDA STRANGELY

LIKE BEFORE, KIO WANTS TO INCLUDE DEAN IN THE GROUP
HE'S UP.

FLUTTER
I CAN FLY NOW.
LET ME GO, KIO
BE CAREFUL, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT ANOTHER TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE
HE LOOKED THIS WAY
HUH!?
COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT I'M DOING HERE, PLEASE?
WHERE DID I—?
BUT I'D LIKE TO HEAR HIM OUT.
KIO, HE'S OBVI-OUSLY ACTING
WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
AW, I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING

I REMEMBER... ALL DARK... ONLY THE LIGHT FROM FLAMES, THIS PLACE...
I... I DON'T WANT...
I WON'T
GO BACK TO SUCH A PLACE AGAIN!
Scratch
SFX: BLOOSH
SFX: SMASH
SFX: SMASH

Slither
Slither
THEN I'LL GO STRAIGHT
NORMAL FEATHER TECHNIQUES DON'T WORK ON HIM
YOU COULD HAVE SAID THAT SOONER.
Bump
SFX: SWOOP
EARLIER, YOU INTENDED TO DIE BY YOURSELF, RIGHT?
I'LL NEVER LET YOU DO THAT.
KIO, I KNEW IT, YOU HURT YOUR WING.
SHIT ...
I'M ALRIGHT

DIE, ANGELS!
KIO
<SFX SLASH>
<SFX FLAKE>
<SFX FLAKE>
GAHH!
<SFX SWOOP>

YOU...
(SFX: SLAM)

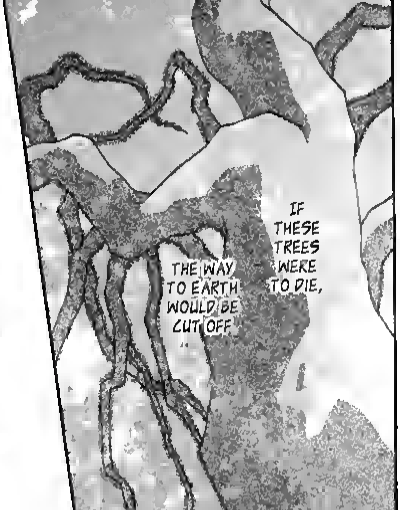
SHUT UP!
THIS IS THE END, FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.
ATTACKING HEAD ON IS SUCH A RECKLESS MOVE.
YOU CAN STILL MOVE!?
...DO YOU THINK I'D LET YOU DO THAT?
SLA
ah

(SFX) GYAAAAA
GO BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG!
CRUMBLE
WHAT A GUY
HIS METHODS ARE RECKLESS BUT THEY SEEM TO WORK

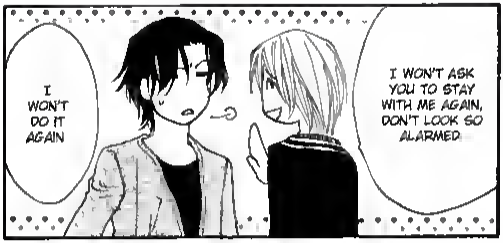
WHY... WOULD YOU GO THAT FAR?
KIO!
I'M ALRIGHT... HE DIDN'T HIT ANYTHING VITAL.. I think.
IT'S WORTH IT TO KEEP YOU SAFE, DEAN.

Angels World
HOW ARE THE TREES?
THERE'S NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO
WE REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND IT
WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE MAIN CAUSE OF THIS
ERR... MAYBE
WE'VE NEVER SEEN SYMPTOMS LIKE THIS BEFORE
MAYBE GREEN WOULD KNOW.
HE WAS EVEN TREATING THE TREES ON EARTH.
I'LL ORGANIZE A SEARCH RIGHT AWAY, THEN.
Rustle

Ahahahaha


IF THESE TREES WERE TO DIE,
THE WAY TO EARTH WOULD BE CUT OFF.

YOU SAVE PEOPLE FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN BECAUSE YOU WANT TO.
THAT'S WHY PEOPLE KEEP GATHERING AROUND YOU.


I WON'T DO IT AGAIN
I WON'T ASK YOU TO STAY WITH ME AGAIN, DON'T LOOK SO ALARMED

YEAH
DEAN YOU'RE BETTER ALREADY?

WE CAN'T GO TO EARTH FOR A WHILE, ANYWAY
HUH?

WHO WOULD WANT TO WORK WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME?
BUT WITH WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN, I DO THINK YOU SHOULD PAIR UP WITH SOMEONE

THE NUMBER OF MANIFIS KEEPS INCREASING
I HEARD THAT LOTS OF ANGELS HAVE DIED.
SO, ASIDE FROM THOSE FIGHTING MANIFIS, EVERYONE'S OFF DUTY
I SEE

I'LL BE THE ONE SAVING YOU.

NEXT TIME,

PAIR
THOSE WHO CAN TELL AN ANGEL FROM ANOTHER JUST BY THEIR LIGHTS ARE PRETTY RARE EVEN MORE SO WHEN THEY CAN DO THAT WITH CELESTIAL BEASTS
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU KNEW MY WINGS WOULD TURN A WEIRD COLOUR LONG BEFORE THEY DID.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE TAUGHT SOME TECHNIQUES TO GET RID OF MANIFIS?
KIO...!?
Why did we start talking about this?
THAT'S RIGHT LIKE THE TECHNIQUES YOU USED ON THAT SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAIN
IF THAT'S YOUR LEVEL, SHOULDN'T YOU TRY IT?
NO... I ASPIRED TO BE ON MANIFIS DUTY ONCE, BUT I WAS A FAILURE SO...
SHOULD I TEACH YOU, THEN?

HUH?
BU... BUT...
IT WOULDN'T HURT IF YOU COULD AT LEAST REMEMBER THEM.
Let's do that.
AH, ISN'T THAT A GOOD IDEA? AND DEAN'S EXCELLENT TOO.
<SFX: GRAB>
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IT'S DECIDED, LET'S GO.
WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO LOSE.
YOU'RE USUALLY TOO FAST TO GIVE UP.
YOU SHOULD GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY
LORD TENRI!
I told you to stop with the "lord"

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID HE WANTED TO PAIR UP WITH ME, RIGHT?
That's right...
ANTE
AND BEFORE THAT... YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID "LET'S WORK TOGETHER",
You won't rest until you get it!
Deeean, it's... IMPOSSIBLE!!
In the end, what will become of Ante's destiny..?
Though he's even scarier than Terri
He's really teaching him...
I panic! you to help him Kio.
Ehhhh!
BUT I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY!!
Kyaa!

To sum it up, Asterisk is planned to resume publication in about 2 months, after G-Defend volumes 32 and 33 are out.
LOOKS LIKE VOLUME 32 WILL BE OUT IN JUNE, AND THE 33TH IN JULY
MORIMOTO-SENSEI IS NOW WORKING ON "G-DEFEND"
THE PUBLISHING DATE FOR ASTERISK VOL.5 IS STILL UNDECIDED
IF IT GOES ON LIKE THAT, UP
2 VOLUMES!?
It's always you Lorein
You will stay with me
Sha
IT'S OK
It's hard to go home like that night
KIO'S BEEN WORKING TOO HARD WE'LL LET HIM REST
WAIT JUST A BIT♥
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